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CYCLE SCHEDULE CONTRIBUTES
TO INCREASED COAL OUTPUT

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Great efforts are being exerted in the Donbass to introduce the cycle system of coal mining. From 1 August on, more than 60 mine faces in the Stalinugol' Combine mines and more than 30 mine faces in the Artemugol' Combine mines were converted to a cycle schedule. Miners, engineers, and technicians are competing in the introduction of the system and through their initiative dozens of additional mine faces are being converted. The overwhelming majority of mine faces in the Stalinugol', Chistyakovatratsit, Budennovugol', and Makeyevugol' trusts are producing considerably more coal than formerly.(1)

Nearly 50 mine faces in mines of the Nesvetayantratsit Trust of the Rostovugol' Combine are operating on a cycle schedule. Mine No 5 has already delivered tens of thousands of tons of above-plan coal. All 12 faces of the Mine imeni OGPU are completing one cycle per day and delivering several hundreds of tons of above-plan coal daily.(2)

Since the beginning of 1950, workers of the Makeyevka Mine imeni Ordzhonikidze have cut trainloads of coal above plan. Miners of the Mine imeni Rumyantsev of the Kalininugol' Trust have increased their coal output nearly 300 tons per day. They have delivered approximately 40 trainloads of coal in addition to their quotas. Ruduch Mine of the Artemugol' Combine completed the 8-month plan ahead of schedule and has already cut over 1,000 tons of coal on its September quota.(3)

In view of the increased mechanization of coal mining, new norms for miners went into effect in August. The number of miners in trusts of Stalinugol' and Artemugol' combines who are not fulfilling their quotas has decreased considerably.(1)

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The Moscow Coal Basin is also stepping up its productivity. The Tula-vogol' Combine completed the Five-Year Plan for increase in coal output in 3 years and one month. In July 1950, the average daily output of coal was 27 percent higher than that planned for the last year of the Five-Year Plan. In the 4½ years of the postwar Five-Year Plan, miners of the combine mined and shipped hundreds of thousands of tons of coal above plan. They saved more than 26 million rubles during 1949 and the first half of 1950 as a result of an above-plan reduction in the production costs of coal, improvement in the quality of the coal, and the exceeding of the plan for output of varieties of coal.(4) The Moskvovogol' Combine as a whole has fulfilled the Five-Year Plan for the total volume of coal output. The Stalinogorskugol', Krasnoarmeyskugol', and Donskoyugol' trusts and dozens of coal mines have also fulfilled the Five-Year Plan for total volume of coal output.(5) In spite of all this, development work in some mines of the Moscow Basin is so faulty that miners are often delayed in starting work at the beginning of a shift. Some improvement has taken place, but idle time still amounts to 1½-2 hours or more per shift.(6)

Ural coal production is likewise increasing. Three large trusts of the Molotovogol' Combine, including the Stalinugol' Trust, 22 mines, and thousands of miners completed their 5-year quotas by 15 August. Workers in one mine in the Chelyabinskugol' Trust had completed their 5-year quotas in May and have already delivered many hundreds of tons of above-plan coal to the country.(7)

Progress is reported also from the Karaganda Coal Basin. Fifteen coal mines and pits in the basin have fulfilled their 5-year quotas for volume of coal output ahead of the date by which they had pledged to complete them. Among these were very large enterprises such as the Mine imeni Zhdanov, Mine No 104, and Coal Pit No 4. Mines No 50/52, Mine No 42/43, Coal Pit No 4 and Coal Pit No 1-2 are already mining coal on their 1951 quotas.(8) Fifteen mines in the Karaganda basin are already mining coal above the Five-Year Plan.(9)

The Karagandauglerazrezy Trust was the first in the Karagandaugol' Combine to complete the Five-Year Plan for the volume of coal output.(10) On 20 August, Mine No 31 of the Kirovogol' Trust, one of the largest mines in Karaganda, completed the Five-Year Plan for volume of production. This mine is completing mechanization of all phases of coal mining during 1950. Its coal output is 1½ times as great as it was previously. (9) Mine No 50/52 of the Molotovogol' Trust was the first in Karaganda to fulfill the year program for coal output. This mine saved 1.5 million rubles of state funds during 8 months' time by lowering production costs. It uses a cutting and loading machine for 60 percent of its coal mining.(11) Workers in Mine No 33-34 of the Stalinugol' Trust cut several thousand tons of coal above their quotas during the first 10 days of August. Mines No 20 and No 31 have already dispatched two trainloads of above-plan coal during August. Young workers, students of labor reserve schools, are doing remarkable work in Mine No 104. A brigade of mine sinkers are working exceptionally well in Mine No 48.(12)

Each month, the number of mining combines, coal strippers, and cutting and loading machines is increasing in the Kirovogol' Trust of the Karagandaugol' Combine. At the sixth section of Mine No 31, a Makarov combine is maintaining the high level of 12,000-13,000 tons of coal per month. Three operators of the Donbass combine are exceeding their progressive norms by 1,600 tons per month. In July, the productivity of the machine was 1½ times that of April. During the past 3 months, the section delivered two trainloads of above-plan coal. All miners in both sections are exceeding their norms.

The success of these Karaganda miners is due to the fact that work in the sections is organized on a cycle schedule, with 22-25 cycles completed per month. The combines are engaged in productive work for 6-7 hours of each shift.(13) The introduction of the cycle system was an important factor in the success of other

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outstanding mines of the Karaganda basin also. At Mine No 42/43, all mine faces have been converted to complete one cycle each 24 hours. Miners of this mine have accelerated the advance of the mine face, delivered ten trainloads of above-plan coal during the past 3 months, saved 502 cubic meters of mine timbers, a great quantity of explosives, and other materials.(8)

In spite of the success reported above for Mine No 31, the Kirovugol' Trust lags on the whole in the introduction and utilization of modern techniques. Mines of the trust have mechanized coal loading only 19 percent and mining machines are often idle.(13)

Kuzbass miners completed the 1950 half-year plan ahead of schedule and delivered tens of thousands of tons of above-plan coal.(1) A considerable proportion of the above-plan coal delivered by the Kemerovugol' Combine was high-grade coking coal.(14) More than 20 Kuzbass mines are already working on their September quotas. These include the Mine imeni Stalin, the Mine imeni Kirov, and Mine No 9-15. The Prokop'yevsk Zenkovskiye Uklony Mine has already fulfilled the 10-month plan and has saved 700,000 rubles above plan by lowering the production costs of coal.(15) The Mine imeni Kalinin of the Prokop'yevskugol' Trust has completed the Five-Year Plan for coal output and has pledged 15 trainloads of above-plan coal by Miner's Day. This is the seventh mine in the Kuzbass to complete the Five-Year Plan.(16)

Labor productivity was more than 16 percent higher during the first half of 1950 than in 1949 for the Kuzbassugol' Combine and 22 percent higher for the Kemerovugol' Combine.(1)

Kazakhstan's Lengerugol' Trust completed the 8-month program in 6 months. Labor productivity is 23 percent higher than in 1949. More than 100 miners have already finished their year quotas. Outstanding Mine No 2, which has been awarded a Transferable Red Banner of the VTsSPS (All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions) and the Ministry of the Coal Industry USSR, has considerably exceeded its 8-month quota.(17)

Kirgiz SSR's Kok-Yangak Mine (Rudnik) completed the July program ahead of schedule. The best results were obtained by Pit No 6, which fulfilled the month plan 112 percent. A Komsomol brigade working in Pit No 4--4-bis is completing 1½-2 quotas per day.(18) Kapital'naya Pit, also of the Kok-Yangak Mine, delivered to the country more than 3,000 tons of coal above the July plan and also considerably exceeded its quota during the first 10 days of August.(19)

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